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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2005 regarding the above-identified application, consideration of the application in view of the Claim Amendments and Response and Remarks below is respectfully requested. This Response is timely filed because it is filed before the expiration of the three-month time indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action, namely, before the expiration of November 1, 2005.

<u>Amendments to the Claims</u> are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u> that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Response and Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.